

### Dear friends,

There is no way that we could really express our gratitude for your friendship, love, and prayers, and especially for those of you who have given financially (whether on a regular basis or with one time gifts) throughout the years. You have given so sacrificially, to our family and to our ministry... For that and for your prayers, we thank God and thank you!

We have been here in Samachique for over three years now. There have been unexpected needs that have risen, and we have trusted and seen God provide in every way... to Him be the glory! This past year with your financial support, we hired a full time nurse to assist Shelley at the birth center. Miriam has proven to be a real blessing both to Shelley as well as to the patients. In May they both attended a conference in Boise, ID in which they reviewed both new and old procedures. We paid for both of their flights and conference costs... again, with funds given to us by many of you. Shelley and Miriam have been able to implement some of the techniques they learned at the conference. Just a couple of weeks after the conference they were even able to save a baby's life.

The birth center ministry has been somewhat limited this past year, due to the lack of midwife staff. Shelley and Miriam are attending births and doing prenatal care, but the goal is to be a training center for midwives; as well as to go to the villages, training the native women in basic midwifery and primary health care. Yes, lives are being touched and, in some cases, literally saved, but there is so much more that can be done!

We have been praying for more full time staff... and God is answering that prayer! Mark and Jean Dhority are in the process of joining our team full time and would like to be here within a year. The Dhority's came in 2007 and helped to finish the birth center and get it operational. Jean is a midwife and Mark does everything from construction to mechanical work on automobiles. We are so excited to have them join our team. Our dilemma now is the need for housing for them, as well as for additional potential staff members. We have others who have expressed interest in joining us and are praying for God's leading.

We are asking you to join us in prayer for God to specifically meet this need for staff housing, so our team can increase and this ministry live up to its fullest potential and fulfill the vision that God has given to us. There is land to build on here at the hospital grounds right in front of the birth center, but we are responsible to raise the funds needed for the building. We are estimating the cost for this project to be around \$20,000. Would you please make this a matter of prayer and join us in asking God to help us meet this need?

If you would like to help financially with this building project, checks must be made payable to Mexico Medical Missions and sent to our attention at: Mexico Medical, attn: Edwin & Shelley Rivera 4001 CR 114 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. As usual, contributions are eligible for tax deduction according to I.R.S. rules. Please attach a note stating that your contribution is for the midwife building project.

Thank you for allowing us to share this burden with you. And thank you for your prayers and support!

With all our love and appreciation,

**Edwin & Shelley Rivera**